



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**Policy and Planning Unit  
Division of Community Services**

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The Policy and Planning Unit (PPU) assists DHCD's Division Of Community Services (DCS) and its programs to accomplish their missions and goals by strengthening program effectiveness and accountability, ensuring consistency among DCS's mission, goals and activities and the Governor's and DHCD priorities, and assisting with the implementation of Federal policies and guidelines in DCS's programs.

In order to carry-out its mission, the PPU:

1. Provides policy comments and recommendations on proposed legislation, statutes and regulations and new initiatives;
2. Develops policy comments and recommendations analyzing and ensuring consistency among DCS's goals and operations and DHCD's and Governor's priorities;
3. Assists in the development of program policies, State and Federal plans, program guidances and program applications;
4. Provides recommendations on improving program outcome and performance data and program operations;
5. Analyzes and provides comments on programs' adherence to new Federal and/or State guidances;
6. Manages the Community Services Block Grant Special Projects Program; and
7. Identifies and develops funding opportunities for the Division.

For further information, please contact the Division of Community Services at 617/573-1400.